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During August 1956, about one thousand workmen and technicians from three East German enterprises, including the VEB Ernst-Thaelmann-Werk and the VEB Karl-Marx-Werk, were ordered to report for work at the "Schwarze Pumpe" project as of 1 September 1956. The individuals were selected, seemingly without system, by the management of the enterprises and with the assistance of their party organizations (BPO - Betriebspartei Organization). Commercial and administrative employees were not affected. The assignment is to last four to six weeks and their wages will allegedly be raised. However it is assumed, that their assignment is permanent and that they will not be able to return to their previous jobs. The newly assigned workers will be housed in barracks recently erected at the "Schwarze Pumpe" project.

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